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HOBSON'S CHOICE NOW MEANS SOMETHING.

ALL amounts spent on our navy at present are considered as adding so much to the sinking fund.

CANNED goods are the principal army supplies, but the bottled variety is considered an extra dish.

SINCE the war began several private have found themselves at the head of a column—column of pure reading matter.

THERE are no many castles of the same name in Cuba that one may safely remark any day that a battle is likely to take place on the Morro.

WHEN it comes to war, your Uncle Sam don't hesitate at expenses. That little Santiago strapper was valued at \$342,000. The Spaniards expressed great surprise that we should use such a useful and costly steamer just to sink into the mud to break a channel.

BIBLICALISM has existed ever since Bible times until the gold-bugs and money-changers got hold of our financial laws. When Peter spoke at the Lagoon and the various attractions of the city. The annual outing will be to Mackinac Island, Mich. Commencing on Saturday, July 2, the itinerary will be as follows:

UNCLE SAM is always represented as a long, lean, black fellow, with pantaloon much too short and tied around the throat. The reason his pantaloon are so short is thought to be because somebody is always pulling his leg. The way the game is progressing now his pants will soon be up to his knees.

WAYLIER, the butcher, is also a speculator and syndicate ally by himself. It is said that before the war began he bargained in the United States 11,000 mules, at \$30 apiece and subsequently sold the lot at \$40 apiece, realizing a profit of over one million dollars. He also speculates otherwise.

THE real object of the war is advanced little further towards accomplishment than at the beginning. We started out to throw tons of provisions upon the island of Cuba and set the inhabitants free. Instead, we are throwing tons of cold steel and iron on the island, and the freedom of the Cubans is a matter quite well on the future.

THE War Revenue bill has passed both Houses and its provisions will go into immediate effect. It proposes are sweeping and tax will be imposed on a great variety of articles. It touches almost every conceivable institution of business or profit. It is estimated that the revenue it will raise will be ample sufficient for the present little camp.

THE sorrows and troubles of war are beginning to be keenly felt by many families throughout the country are feeling deprivation and want as a result of the absence of husband, father or son. He is facing death while the family is facing famine, and the history of the war is all wars. The time of talk and speculation has passed; the battle reality is upon us.

ASK the men who get in trouble nowadays and are brought before the courts, what was the prime cause of their misfortune. They will tell you out of ten they will tell you that liquor, direct or indirect, was the main cause of it. The more liquor there is on sale, the more liquor there is drunk. The more drinking, the more trouble. Each result follows the other as naturally as light follows day. Then why should you want to increase the work of the courts and juries, and the troubles of families, husbands and sons? Vote the saloons out and help men to live right.

THE Republican's answer to our little "feeler" of last week is simply enough. It shows the history of all wars of the liquor question. In fact, its absolute silence has been the best evidence that it was for the saloons. It has a splendid opportunity to help the good people of the town banish the saloon, but it has denied them its aid. The people of the country can now know what to expect of the Republican in all future contests on the liquor question. It is to be regretted that the Republican did not come out square on the side of prohibition and morality.

THE aspect of the war question has changed greatly since its inception. At the outset the object was simply to free Cuba—to give Cuba to the Cubans. The spirit of territorial aggrandizement has grown to such an extent that the possibility of the conflict becoming a war of conquest is not remote. In view of this question is involved more danger to the nation than is contained in the war itself.

IF the U. S. Government should so

depart from its plainly outlined policy as to undertake to acquire by conquest certain Spanish possessions, it would indeed be the dawning of a dark day of trouble for this nation. It would involve grave complications and be the beginning of our downfall. We stand near the head of the greatest and strongest nations of the earth at present, with plenty of room for growth. It is to be sincerely hoped that our Government will at once go back to its meat and stay there.

IT is a fact to leave all games of chance alone, even when it seems that you cannot possibly lose. You may always rest assured that a man who runs a game of chance of any kind or who holds out to you alluring inducements which represent a very good thing, is not traveling around for fun alone, nor can he afford to conduct an enterprise in which the chances of gain or loss are even. He knows his business—you should never forget that. And you don't know his business—don't ask him. If they are evil advised—and no man can afford to be evil advised in business—is a way—or over-giving something for nothing, or large values for small investments.

THE annual meeting of the Kentucky Press Association will take place July 1st. It promises to be a most enjoyable occasion. The business meeting will be held at the Palace Hotel, Cincinnati, Friday, July 1, after which a visit will be made to the Lagoon and the various attractions of the city. The annual outing will be to Mackinac Island, Mich. Commencing on Saturday, July 2, the itinerary will be as follows:

ONE of the most important decisions of the United States Supreme Court was its recent ruling on the validity of the Illinois Inheritance Tax law. Without going into the details of the law, which are quite complicated, it may be quickly understood as outlining the meaning of its title, in that it is a tax bearing upon property inherited to a certain specific amount. It abounds in technicalities that its application to the estate of a man who dies, yet the court decides that a tax of this sort is perfectly right and proper, while it rules against an income tax, which could be easily and equitably levied and made to bear heavily on those who are able to pay. The Inheritance Tax law in direct involves the principle of the income tax, and it is much more odious to all concerned. The blunder of the Supreme Court in deciding against the present tax is becoming more apparent every day, and there is slight evidence that the members themselves now realize their mistake.

GOOD PIECE OF WORK.

OF Santiago de Cuba, via Kingston, Jamaica, June 9.—(Special Cable.) The battleship USS Oregon, which was engaged in the fight, and a force of insurgents on shore.

ALL over this broad land just across the people are feeling the pinch of war times in the increased prices paid for the necessities and commodities of life. Almost every article of consumption is going up in price, while wages and business revenue are the same. Every workingman and of slender income feels the effect of these conditions of the times.

THE trusts of this country are escaping from paying any part of this burden. These men of much money and whose income is more in one day than the average man's receipts foot up in a month, are allowed a protection by our laws that is out of all proportion to justice and all that the law should be to the people of the country who need protection, and they, and not the fat trusts, should be the special charges of our law-makers.

THERE are some good, upright men in Hartford who claim to be for saloons as "a choice between two evils." This is a miserable excuse. No man who has a full conception of a true Christian character or of the privilege of right living, has any cause or excuse for making a choice between two evils. He should always stand both evils and cleave to that which he knows to be right, though nine tenths of the whole community are against him. There is no question about which is the right side in the present election. If you vote for saloons, you vote for more whiskey—plenty of it—and all the evils that liquor brings. You give license for murders and wrecked lives. If you vote for Prohibition, you vote to shut out liquor entirely, and those violators of the law may be punished, and then and there you know you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you did your duty.

WE have Weylers and Blancos in the United States, who use their half power to oppress the people. We also have reconcentros who are starving and who are in quite as desperate a straits as the miserable Cubans. The hearts of the American people go out in pity for the distressed Cubans, and we often forget the people of our own country who should be the first objects of our solicitude.

OUR Weylers are the trusts and syndicates and the large employers of the people, and our reconcentros are the people who work for them and who are compelled by the decrees of despotism to work for a pittance or starve. Our Congress should pass a resolution for the benefit of our own poor reconcentros, and while we are helping the distressed Cubans, whose need is not denied, we should also frame laws for the benefit of Americans which will take them from the thrall of oppression and make them happy and contented in this land of the free and home of the brave.

WHENEVER the powers that be, assume to outline the present war as an embodying in any sense a spirit of territorial acquisition or extension of domain solely, they not only disagree with popular sentiment, but they include the United States Government to openly violate the pledge under which it took up arms. The resolution as passed by Congress and which constitutes our sole aim in the present conflict, is most distinctly stated. It was not for the privilege of exercising any sovereignty, but solely for the purpose of driving Spanish rule from Cuba, that we were to employ the land and naval forces of the country. A departure from this plain and stated and honorable mission would bring upon us the censure of every lover of right and justice of all countries, including a large part of the United States Government of Spanish rule in Cuba is all the U. S. Government ever had before it.

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